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may we QUOTE



you on that?

[1] Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, on receiving rep't of electoral college: "I take it we can now regard the election as official." . . . [2] Prime Minister JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, of India, on Eisenhower program for Middle East: "If there is a power vacuum in West Asia, it has to be filled by countries in that region. . . When a for'gn power tries to step into another country, it . . . creates conflicts." . . . [3] French For'gn Minister CHRISTIAN PINEAU, on Eisenhower program: "As a whole, we like it. Pres Eisenhower has now taken up most of the solutions I have been defending for a long time." . . . [4] Premier NIKOLAI BULGANIN, of Russia: "American imperialism has now embarked on a measure of gross interference in the internal affairs of Middle Eastern countries and a gen'l program of enslavement of their peoples." . . . [5] CLEMENT ATTLEE, former British Prime Minister, now touring

America: "I don't criticise the policies of my gov't outside the country, and even there I reserve comment for the House of Lords." . . . [6] Judge JAS N COLASANTO, Alexandria, Va, sentencing a janitor convicted of molesting 2 newly-arrived Hungarian refugee women: "The court is mindful of the plea of the Hungarian-born interpreter that this case be kept out of the newspapers because 'the Russians can make a mountain out of this sort of thing.' But the reason we have freedom here is that we do not conceal either the good or the bad." . . . [7] Soviet For'gn Minister DMITRI SHEPILOV, instructing all Soviet diplomats: "Behave like other diplomats. Learn to play golf." . . . [8] THEODORE REED, director of Nat'l Zoo, whose sea-serpent did not give birth as expected: "I feel like a father announcing it's just an egg."

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We have had occasion in recent wks to point to the disintegration of Russia's influence in the world beyond her borders. What now needs emphasis is that this disintegration is *political*. It should not be confused with the internal economic system. Barring a war of globe-circling proportions the Russian economic system will not be significantly altered in our lifetime.

Any thought that "the Russian people" are even remotely contemplating revolt is absurd. It is important to keep in mind that Russians *adopted* communism with the overthrow of the czar. It was not *imposed* upon them. For 40 yrs every Russian has been systematically indoctrinated in the principles and and precepts of the party. In that vast land today there is no person of revolutionary age who has ever experienced anything but a communistic gov't. Even the few oldsters with vague recollections of the czarist regime agree that "things are better now."

What we of the West do not comprehend is the complete isolation and insulation of the Russian citizen. He believes he is well off because the Kremlin consistently tells him that his conditions are better than those of other peoples. With no real basis of comparison, he is given just enough evidence of progress to countenance that belief. To delude ourselves that Ivan plots revolt is as fanciful as would be the assumption that Joe Doakes seeks to renounce liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In the satellites, obviously, we have a totally different summation. Here are peoples who have had communism imposed upon them—and so lately that recollections of happier, freer days remain ascendant. These are the explosive elements of which revolt is fabricated.

This is the Kremlin's vulnerable point—and, indirectly, our own area of danger. The danger lies in the possibility that a thwarted dictatorship may turn to war as a last-ditch diversionary expedient.

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AMERICA—1

When people start waiting to *get out* of this country instead of waiting to *get in*—we can start worrying about our system.—Bradentown (Fla.) *Herald*.

AUTOMATION—2

At Ford it took 130 man-hrs to build a car in '54. Last yr it took 113, due to increased automation.—*Partners*.

BEHAVIOR—3

Everyone can do what someone else has neglected; everyone can undo what someone else has done. — A DEN DOOLAARD, *Kleine Menschen in der Grossen Welt*, Ruetten & Loening, Germany, publishers (QUOTE translation).

To really know a man, observe his behavior with a woman, a flat tire and a child.—MARCELENE COX, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

BOOKS—Reading—4

The world of books is the most remarkable creation of man. Nothing else that he blds ever lasts. Monuments fall, nations perish, civilizations grow old and die out; and after an era of darkness new races bld others. But in the world of books are volumes that have seen this happen again and again, and yet live on, still young, still as fresh as the day they are written, still telling men's hearts of the hearts of men centuries dead.—CLARENCE DAY, quoted in *Childhood Education*.

CAUTION—5

It is wiser to be hendubious than cocksure. — JAS THURBER, *Further Fables for Our Time* (Simon & Schuster).

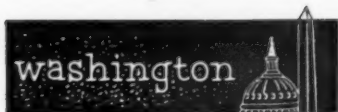
CHURCH—Attendance—6

If men took any real interest in what other men wear, I bet there would be as many men in church as there are women.—UNCLE LEVI ZINK, *Farm Jnl*.

COLLECTIVISM—7

The thoroughly evil persons among us are not numerous enough to account for all the racial and nat'l hatreds and prejudices, for labor violence, for the growing belief that the honest fruits of one's labor no longer belong to the earner, for restrictions on the exchange of goods and services, and for the many other collectivistic inanities and horrors. These things are not the doings of criminals. They originate mostly with the well-intentioned, those who wish to do good to others but who, lacking personal means, thoughtlessly see no harm in employing the police establishments to impose their brand of good on the rest of us, to use the fruits of other persons' labor to satisfy their own charitable instincts.—LEONARD E READ, *Freeman*.

Quote



By Les & Liz
Carpenter

All mbrs of Congress now make a special effort to be present on the opening day: a mbr's pay starts the day he takes oath of office. But in earlier yrs, when travel was difficult, roads few, and weather an add'l handicap, it was often tough to arrive on time. In 1789, Congress had to wait 33 days before even a quorum arrived.

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New faces are remarkably scarce in the 85th Congress. Not since 1912 has the House had so few freshman mbrs—only 46 in the new Congress. Usually the turnover runs more than 60.

One unusual feature of the last (84th) Congress was the number of its mbrs who lived thru it. During the 1st session (1955) no mbr of either house died (the 1st time since 1797 that there were no mortalities in a yr). During the 2nd session (1956) only 6 mbrs died, two from the Senate, 4 from the House. Not in 20 yrs has an entire Congress had so few deaths.

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Washington's traffic during the Inauguration period is expected to be the usual jam-on-jam—but not as bad, perhaps, as it was 4 yrs ago when a French diplomat in desperation abandoned his car on one of the busiest streets, placing a sign on the windshield before he walked home. It read: "Mr Policeman, I am very sorry."

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CREDIT—8

Many of us are like the letter "B"—in debt with no need for it. —*Banking.*

DEMOCRACY—9

Our time deserves to be called an age of democracy at least in the sense that at no previous stage in history has the ideal of democracy been so generally recognized and such determined efforts made to translate the ideal into reality. —*DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, UN Sec'y-Gen'l.*

EDUCATION—10

My definition of an educated person is one who can converse on one subject for more than two min's.—*Dr R A MILLIKAN, Forbes.*

FAITH—11

If you make faith a part of yourself from childhood, no hardship will seem too difficult to conquer and no good thing too miraculous to achieve.—*LAWRENCE WELK, "Faith Opens Doors," You, 1-'57.*

FORGIVING—12

A forgiving spirit opens the way for better things to come to us. It frequently opens the way for the perfect administration of whatever good we seek. It enables us to understand people and things in a much clearer and more satisfactory way. —*IRENE M CLEMONS, Wkly Unity.*

FREEDOM—13

Freedom is a precious thing today. Those who have it cherish it; those who fear it, want to destroy it; and those who don't have it, will still fight for it.—*HARVEY C JACOBS, Head of Program Dep't, Rotary Internat'l, Evanston, Ill, quoted in Vital Speeches.*

Some 20-odd yrs ago a friend of ours, a young movie director, discoursing on the paucity of picture plots, remarked jocularly (as we then thought) that Hollywood would one day be forced to turn to the Ten Commandments for a spectacular production. We now gather from occasional and obscure references in the public prints that such a picture actually has been made. And one of the consequences, apparently, is a revival of interest in the Memoranda entrusted to Moses.

We note in the current offerings of the book vendors three tomes identically and quite appropriately titled *The Ten Commandments*. Both the Hebrew and Christian camps are ably represented. Spokesman for the former is the late Rabbi Solomon Goldman, who has done an independent translation, as well as a scholarly interpretation. A publication of the Univ of Chicago Press. The Christian contribution is by Dr A Powell Davies, the English-born divine who is now pastor of the All Souls (Unitarian) Church in Washington. This is a paperback original issued by New American Library, and reflects modern scholarship. The third offering is a pictorial-text treatment for the popular mkt, by Lorenz Graham and Norman Nodel. Published by Gilton.

Writing recently in the European edition of the *New York Herald-Tribune*, Pierre Fisson, French author, lately ret'd from a tour of the U S, finds that we Americans treat



Next to monthly rent, the shortest interval of time is the Book-of-the-Month span.—Wm FEATHER.

"intimate and delicate subjects" more explicitly than the French would care or dare to do. He found *Peyton Place*, for example, "much more daring" than *A Certain Smile*, by Francoise Sagan, the young French novelist.

Dep't of Fuller Identification: The H Allen Smith who is just beginning his 1st term in Congress as an Oregon Democrat is not to be confused with the author of the same name whose latest offering, *Write Me a Letter, Baby*, is current-featured by Little, Brown. The former is an att'y and a one-time FBI ag't. . . Also, the Frank Norris whose *Tower of the West* lately won the Harper novel award, is no relation to the earlier Frank Norris, remembered for his turn-of-the-century offerings *The Octopus* and *The Pit*.

Poignant note, signifying something or other: *The Search for Bridey Murphy*, scarcely 6 mo's from top billing on the best-seller lists, has now reached the bargain shelves, marked down to 59 cts.

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FREEDOM—14

Safe popular freedom consists of 4 things: The diffusion of liberty, of intelligence, of property, and of conscientiousness, and cannot be compounded of any 3 out of the 4. —Jos Cook.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—15

A country preacher said this: "Most of the naughty things I hear about our youngsters are the same things I watched their parents out-grow."—*Automotive Service Digest*.

LEISURE—16

As manpower is replaced by other sources of energy the entire conception of recreation shifts. What we do with these new leisure hrs . . . will determine the value of our culture.—MORRIS L ERNST, *Recreation*.

MODERN AGE—17

I recently read a paragraph which struck me as being almost uncanny in its description of the age in which we live. It seems two Hollywood actresses were discussing their respective horoscopes. In the course of the conversation, one said, "I didn't know you believed in astrology."

"Oh, yes," repl'd her companion, "I believe in everything a little bit." —JOHN ALLAN LAVENDAR, "Island of Healing," *Watchman-Examiner*, 12-6-'56.

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Sad thought: Some day soon a President will write in his autobiography, "My people were a poor, one-car family." — *Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

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MIND—18

After all, the greatest human power in the world today is not the atomic bomb. The human mind that conceived the bomb is a greater power by far. — ROBT GORDON SPOUL, *Science Digest*.

MUSIC—19

Quartet: Four people who think the other 3 can't sing.—*Trade-Aid Bulletin*.

Quote scrap book

CHAS AUGUSTUS LINDBERGH, marking his 55th b'day on Feb 4, will, a few wks hence, celebrate the 30th anniversary of his historic solo flight across the Atlantic. From his own acc't we quote:

We (that's my ship and I) took off rather suddenly. We had a rep't somewhere around 4 o'clock in the afternoon before that the weather would be fine, so we thought we would try it.

ORIGIN—Jinx—20

Every spring many varieties of birds come to the British Isles. Among the strangest visitors of earlier centuries was a harsh-voiced migrant somewhat larger than a sparrow. Everything about the bird was queer. Its plumage was curiously variegated — brown, buff, black and gray. It had an unusually long tongue. Most distinctive of all, the odd creature had a way of constantly twisting its head and neck awry.

From the latter trait, common

folk called the bird "wryneck." All men of learning, however, used the Latin name, *Jynx torquilla*—customarily abbreviated to the first name only. Because of its strange appearance and habits, the jynx was widely used in alchemy and witchcraft. When an ally of the devil wish to cast a spell on some foe, the wonderworker would brew a potion of which a jynx was a major ingredient. Firmly fixed in public opinion as a tool of ill luck, the harmless jynx eventually gave its name to any type of evil spell. —WEBB B GARRISON, *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

RELIGION—21

Many of the problems of contemporary religion would vanish if more men understood that its manifold blessings are invested on either side of eternity.—DOUGLAS MEADOR, *Matador (Tex) Tribune.*

RUSSIA—Satellites—22

The Russians may well turn Hungary into a cemetery; but it is my conviction that they will never turn it into a People's Democracy again. —GEO MIKES, "Hungary: A Personal Testimony," *Twentieth Century*, London, 12-'56.

SACRIFICE—23

The great temple in Kyoto is to the Japanese what Westminster Abbey is to the British. It cost \$10 million to build and took 17 yrs. A curious thing there is a big coil of rope in the courtyard before the main entrance. It was used to lift the stones, pillars and beams into position and it is made of human hair. When the men and boys were giving labor for the bldg, the women and girls wanted to have a part. Hearing the workmen needed a strong rope, thousands of them cut

off their hair, plaited it into a rope 300 ft long and 3 in's thick, and gave it to the workmen. They solved their problem by sacrificial love.—REY WIL R JOHNSON, "God Has Spoken," *Christian Observer*, 12-5-'56.

SCIENCE—24

Here, in the opinion of Science Digest editors, are 20 scientific developments of the last two decades that changed the world in your lifetime: Polio Vaccine; The Big Eye; Television; Radar; Transistors; Electronic Brain; DDT and Insecticides; Wonder Drugs; Cortisone; Psychiatric Drugs; Fluoridations; The Helicopter; Jets; Rockets; Dead Sea Scrolls; Kinsey Reports; Synthetics and Plastics; Revolution in Living; Food Revolution; Atomic Power.—*Science Digest.*

SERVICE—to Others—25

There are two kinds of "scatter-brains." There are people who have minds like a plate of scrambled eggs — everything runs together, they do not see clearly; they do not move in logical order from cause to effect. Second, there is a good kind of "scatterbrain," that person who "scatters his brains" about so they are a real help to other people. Thus, Louis Pasteur scattered his brains all over the earth. His discovery of the germ theory of disease won at such costly effort to himself, has blessed the earth. So, also, a good teacher "scatters his brains" into many lives so that people are finer and stronger than they would ever have been without him.—HALFORD LUCCOCK, *Christian Herald.*

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Hands all Round

It was 105 yrs ago (Feb 7, 1852) that ALFRED LORD TENNYSON published in the London Examiner his brief poem, Hands all Round.

The lines have no great literary merit, but are significant in that they represent the 1st public recognition of the growing might of America, with an implication of the coming era of American aid.

Tennyson, then in his 43rd yr, had lately been appointed British poet laureate, succeeding Wordsworth, so it may be assumed that his poem in some measure reflected official Victorian sentiment.

Gigantic daughter of the West
We drink to thee across the flood
We know thee most, we love thee best,

For art thou not of British blood?
Should war's mad blast again be blown,

Permit not thou the tyrant powers
To fight thy mother here alone,
But let thy broadsides roar with ours.

Hands all round!

God the tyrant's cause confound!
To our great kinsmen of the West,
my friends,

And the great name of England,
round and round.

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SERVICE—to Others—26

No one can accept responsibility in the world unless he takes it 1st on his own doorstep. So for us in industry I can see only one sure course to follow. Call it common sense, call it policy, call it anything you like. To my mind industry must aim for, exist for, and everlastingly operate for the good of the community. The community can't ride one track and business another. The two are inseparable, interactive and interdependent.—CLEO F CRAIG, Pres, American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

SOLITUDE—27

Unfortunately the world today does not seem to understand, in either man or woman, the need to be alone. Anything else will be accepted as a better excuse. If one sets time aside for a shopping expedition, that time is accepted as inviolable; but if one says, "I cannot come because it is my hr to be alone," one is considered rude, egotistical or strange.—ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH, *Gift from the Sea* (Pantheon).

TANGIBLE—Intangible—28

The intellectual is constantly betrayed by his own vanity. Godlike, he blandly assumes he can express everything in words; whereas the things one loves, lives and dies for are not, in the last analysis, completely expressible in words. To write or to speak is almost inevitably to lie a little. It is an attempt to clothe an intangible in a tangible form; to compress an immeasurable into a mold. And in the act of compression, how Truth is mangled and torn! — ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH, *The Wave of the Future* (Harcourt, Brace).

RECAPS to the Week



Nat'l Children's Dental Health Wk

Nat'l Weight-Watchers Wk

Kraut & Frankfurter Wk

Boy Scout Wk (6-12)

Feb 3—40 yrs ago today (1917)

U S severed diplomatic relations with Germany. This was a drastic protest against renewal of submarine warfare against neutrals, and was a prelude to our entry in War I the following April. . . 10 yrs ago (1947) P L Prattis became 1st Negro news correspondent admitted to House and Senate press galleries.

Feb 4—155th anniv (1802) b of Mark Hopkins, pioneer American educator. . . Interstate Commerce Act approved 70 yrs ago (1887). . . 1st Winter Olympic Games in U S held 25 yrs ago (1932) at Lake Placid, N Y. . . Chas Augustus Lindbergh, "The Lone Eagle" is 55 today.

Feb 5—120th anniv (1837) b of Dwight Lyman Moody, noted American evangelist; founder Moody Bible Inst, Chicago. . . 20 yrs ago (1937) Pres Franklin D Roosevelt submitted his "court packing" case to Congress. He proposed a new judge of the Supreme Ct for each Justice over 70. Proposal backfired and lost the President considerable conservative support.

Feb 6—55th anniv (1902) founding of Young Women's Hebrew Ass'n in N Y C. . . 35 yrs ago U S, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan signed a naval limitations pact, involving 10-yr holiday in

construction of capital ships. Effect, unfortunately, was to shift arms race to smaller vessels.

Feb 7—205th anniv (1752) b of Sam'l Phillips, founder of Phillips Andover Academy, one of America's pioneer preparatory schools. . . 145th anniv (1813) b of Chas Dickens, English author. . . 120th anniv (1837) b of Sir Jas Augustus Henry Murray, author of scholarly *Orford English Dictionary*. . . 105th anniv (1852) publication of Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem "Hands All Round" (see GEM BOX). . . 75th anniv (1882) last Internat'l Bare Knuckles Championship, held at Miss City, Miss. John L Sullivan emerged victor over Paddy Ryan.

Feb 8—305th anniv (1652) opening of 1st coffee house in London, by Pasqua Rosee. Within 50 yrs there were 3,000 coffee houses in London. . . 130th anniv (1827) of 1st ballet presented in U S (*The Deserter*, at Bowery Theatre, N Y C). . . 120 yrs ago (1837) R M Johnson became 1st Vice Pres of U S chosen by the Senate. (No candidate for the office had rec'd a majority of the electoral vote. He served under Martin Van Buren.)

Feb 9—The Lancaster Turnpike, the 1st macadam road in the U S, was chartered 165 yrs ago (1792).

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Two independent surveys, recently released, may have some related social significance. The 1st, issued by the Dep't of Labor, reveals that approx 10,000 new, single-family, non-farm homes will be built this yr in the U S *without bathrooms*.

The 2nd survey, published in *The Jnl of Housing*, an organ of the Nat'l Ass'n of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, points out that there is a sizeable segment in our population with an actual and active preference for sub-standard housing.

In this group, the survey lists the "adjusted poor" — families whose small-income potential makes the low rents an attraction. They are resigned to failure and have become accustomed to blight. Then, too, there are the social outcasts — drunks, prostitutes, petty thieves, debt-jumpers, who find in the slums a haven of anonymity. Every large city has this elusive fugitive class, rarely enumerated by the census-taker. Then, regrettably there are the "sports". They could afford better housing, but prefer to spend their money for showy apparel, liquor, or late-model cars.

These people, collectively, keep the slums and sub-standard residential areas in operation and, with opportunistic landlords, slow the pace of slum-clearance projects.

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TAXES—29

Unhappy about how much taxes you must pay? Consider the lot of the Russians. There is a sales tax on everything they eat, wear, or use, at rates that, on the average, am't to about 100% of retail prices. There is no capital-gains tax in Russia—it's illegal for an individual to sell an asset at a profit. The Russian pays on his earnings a "gross income tax" at rates that vary according to what he does for a living. An employee of the state is taxed at a top rate of 13%, while a self-employed man may be taxed up to 81%. A Russian must put up 3 to 4 wks' pay each yr to buy gov't bonds, which pay no interest and cannot be cashed until they mature. —*Survey Bulletin*.

TEACHER—Teaching—30

Teaching may be compared to driving an automobile. If the car has plenty of gasoline and a good battery and the mechanism for igniting the gasoline vapor, the engine will purr happily and the automobile will travel under its own process of internal combustion. The driver guides its course according to his own ability and wisdom. But if there is no gasoline, no spark, no internal driving power, the driver has little choice but to push or be towed.—VERNA WALTERS, Kent State Univ, Ohio, "The Teacher's Leadership Role with Children and Youth," *Educational Leadership*, 12-'56.

TIME—31

One realizes the full importance of time only when there is little of it left. Every man's greatest capital asset is his unexpired yrs of productive life. — P W LITCHFIELD, quoted in *Christian Observer*.

VIEWPOINT—32

A family stops before a shop window filled with women's wearing apparel. The wife sees the beautiful dresses and knows the kind of mat'l they are fashioned from; the husband sees the price tags; and the little son sees the wax dummies.—LOWELL FILMORE, "Things to be Remembered," *Wkly Unity*, 12-9-'56.

WOMEN—33

Overheard—"My dear, she's the sort of a woman who always enters a room voice 1st." — *Journeyman Barber*.

WORLD RELATIONS—34

A great nation brings to bear upon world politics two kinds of power: its own and that of those others who are prepared to join their fortunes with it.—ROB'T STRAUSS-HUPE, "A Policy for the West," *Yale Review*, 12-'56.

WORRY—35

Worry has been defined as a circle of inefficient thoughts whirling about a pivot of fear. — *Rushville (Ind) Republican*.

YOUTH—Physical Fitness—36

We pride ourselves on being an athletic and virile race. We think of Europeans as physically inferior, but results of recent tests dispute this notion. Dr Hans Kraus and Mrs Ruth P Hirschland of N Y Univ made a study of American and European children between the ages of 6 to 19. Out of the thousands tested, more than half of the Americans—56.9% to be exact—failed to achieve minimum standards of muscular strength and flexibility. Only 8.7% of the European children failed.—HERMAN HICKMAN, "A Generation of Spectators?" *Better Homes & Gardens*, 10-'56.



Atho the season of the festive board is now but a lingering memory, it is interesting to note (according to the testimony of a Detroit caterer) that people in small groups eat more than they are likely to consume *enmasse*. This caterer asserts that while he figures approx 4 sandwiches per person for a cocktail party of, say, 200, for a group numbering only 15 or 20, he'd have at least 8 sandwiches per person available. His reasoning: "At a small party, people are likely to stay longer; they talk more, are more relaxed, and the 'eats' are easier to acquire. At a big affair, few care to buck the long line more than once."

Further on the subject of refreshment, we note that the Popcorn Institute, taking cognizance of declining movie attendance (where 65% of their sales materialized) now is emphasizing popcorn in the home, beside the tv set—a sort of "munch corn as you watch corn" philosophy. Washington correspondents, who have frequent occasion to entertain Important News Sources, have an understandable delicacy in the matter of listing beverages on their expense tabs. Now, by agreement, the item appears as "et al"—the "et" being Latin for "and" and the "al", as you may have surmised, an abbreviation for alcohol.

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ANNA HERBERT

It was three A M as the drunk staggered up the front steps and rang the door bell.

The awakened man of the house opened an upstairs window, leaned out and angrily admonished: "Go away! You're trying to get into the wrong house."

Looking up, a puzzled expression on his countenance, the be-fogged bell-ringer asked quizzically, "Well, how do you know you're not lookin' out the wrong window?"

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An internat'l banker was discussing Europe's oil shortage at a cocktail party the other night.

"Oh well," he philosophized, "you can't fuel all of the people all of the time."—ANDREW TULLY, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*. c

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A mother was very much annoyed because a written excuse explaining her little son's absence from school following a heavy snowfall was demanded by his teacher. Whereupon she wrote: "Dear Miss Picklepuss: My little Eddie's legs are 14 in's long. The snow was 18 in's deep. Now maybe you understand why he didn't get to school yesterday."—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co. d

A British lady of title, married to a handsome playboy many yrs her junior, was called abroad and forced to leave her roving-eyed mate for the 1st time since their wedding day.

On the eve of her departure she presented a new houseman to her husband. "Darling," she said, "Parkinson will do the cooking and look after you while I'm away."

Several nights later the playboy asked a friend in to dinner. It was a dreary tasteless meal and as soon as the houseman was out of earshot his friend whispered, "What's happened around here, old boy? This isn't your usual type of fare."

The playboy shrugged hopelessly. "What kind of cooking can you expect," he said, "from Scotland Yd?"

—E E KENYON, *American Wkly*. a

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When 5-yr-old Toddy entered kindergarten he seemd to like it but showed no signs of being an outstanding student. However, one day he came home with a big gold star.

His very much surprised and pleased mother asked him how he happened to be so rewarded. "Well, Mother," he said, "it's like this—every day we have to rest and I rested the best!" — *Christian Science Monitor*. b

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QUIPS

We hear of a student at McGill who came back for the fall term with a pr of powerful binoculars. Refused to lend them to anyone; claimed he needed them for his new hobby of bird-watching. Nobody in his fraternity house saw any evidence of his following the hobby, but one evening a couple of his friends entered his room to find him staring delightedly thru the glasses at the window across the street. Lights were on and the shade was up over there. "Thought you said you used those things only for bird-watching," one of them challenged. The shameless fellow was unabashed. "Certainly," he said. "Look for yourself. That co-ed over there keeps a beautiful canary in a cage right by the window." — *Montrealer.* e

Grade school exam question: What kind of sports take place at the Olympics? Answer: Jumping, running, hurling biscuits and throwing the java.—*Rob't T GRUMMAN, Cincinnati Enquirer.* f

A traveling friend of ours, lately arrived home from Texas, reports that while dining in an elaborate hotel down there he was pleased to see a sommelier, complete with traditional apron, chain, and key. Calling the man over, he asked which wine would go best with some roast veal. "Your guess is as good as mine," said the sommelier. "I just do this at night. Daytimes, I work in a garage." — *New Yorker.* g

If all New Year resolutions were placed end to end, they wouldn't reach to the end of January.—*FRANCES RODMAN.*

The ambitious youth of today has only to be alert, study hard—and not get nervous in the isolation booth.—*IVERN BOYETT.*

Everyone could use a rich and generous relative—and those who have them usually do. — *VESTA M KELLY.*

Few things have encouraged the washing of more dirty linen in public than the laundrymat.—*FRANKLIN P JONES.*

Most people agree that the nicest way to serve spinach is to somebody else.—*CAROLINE CLARK.*

The old-fashioned girl who used to tuck her money in her bodice now has a daughter who keeps it where it can't be seen.—*HOWIE LASSETER.*

Any bachelor can dry his girl's tears by throwing in the towel. — *HAL CHADWICK.*

A few reels of old vacation films usually put your guests in a traveling mood.—*AL SPONG.*

Where there's smoke there's probably a television commercial. — *Wisconsin Jnl of Education.*

Quote

Have you heard this story of a dialogue at the Zoo?

"Look at that one, the one staring at us thru the bars. Doesn't he look intelligent?"

"Yes, there's something uncanny about it. He looks as if he understood every word we are saying."

"Look at the way he walks on his hind legs and how he swings his arms too. There! He's got a peanut . . . and he knows he must remove the shell just like us."

"That must be a female beside him. Just listen to her chatter. He doesn't seem to be paying much att'n to her. She must be his mate. They look rather sad, don't they?"

"Yes, I bet they wish they were in here with us monkeys."—*Cambridge (England) Daily News.* h

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Two casual golf acquaintances were walking across the green when they sighted two women coming over the hill. "Here comes my wife with some old hag she's picked up somewhere," said one, with a sigh.

Remarked his companion: "And here comes mine with another."—*Tif-Bits London.* i

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There was a big party at the French Embassy in Washington to commemorate Bastille Day, and an eye-arresting chorus girl somehow got in on the festivities.

She had a wonderful time and was overheard enthusing to the gentleman who escorted her, "Ain't this something? Say, who was that fellow Bastille, anyhow?"—*Crimson Bull.* j

Quote

The Russian visitor found many faults with life in the US. Not the least of them was the language.

"One word," he complained, "means too many different things. You have here 'beets.' Is a vegetable. You have here also 'beets.' Is worn on string around lady's neck. In summer everybody go to 'beets,' means sit on sand near ocean. In baseball, Dodgers 'beets' Giants. And for this you call them son of 'beets.' Some talking!"—*PAUL WERNER, Digest of World Reading, Melbourne, Australia.* k

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The little girl was telling her teacher about her baby teeth coming out. One tooth was loose and she had already lost three.

She said: "Pretty soon I'll be running on the rims."—*Journeyman Barber.* l

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The town council was getting hysterical over plans submitted for a community park, so the mayor thought. There was to be a series of connecting lakes, spanned by picturesque bridges, and stocked with all manner of aquatic fowl, colorful game fish, and of course, ordinary ducks and drakes and geese and goslings. Flamingoes were also in the list. The mayor listened with growing apprehension, but when it was proposed to import 8 gondolas, that was more than Hizzonor could stand. "Gentlemen, gentlemen," he protested, "no doubt we could have some gondolas, but let's tackle this project with moderation. Let's start with just a pr of them gondolas—a male and a female—and leave the rest to nature and the Lord's will."—*Nuggets, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.* m



Tongue Twister

A physician in Glasgow, Scotland, urges a return to the old method, now generally abandoned, of examining the patient's tongue for a clue to physical condition. — News item.

The tongue, you see, reveals a lot
When it is closely noted.
There's something wrong when
weather's warm
And yet the tongue is coated.

Still worse, and cause for much
alarm
And not a little worry,
Is when the tongue, a hairless
thing,
Is what is known as furry.

A wagging tongue is bad, of course,
And grows to be a habit.
But when you're told to hold your
tongue
That doesn't mean to grab it.

Advice that should be given to
Most children by their mothers
Is this: "Stick out your tongue, my
dear,
At doctors, though, not others."

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The judge was questioning the witness: "Can't you remember anything at all about the two men?"

"Oh, yes, Your Honor," repl'd the witness in a loud clear voice. "One was uniformed and the other was civilized."—*Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation). n

Not long back a Knoxville (Tenn) newspaper plastered this headline over a news story concerning a new development in the H-bomb situation:

"U S Finding Way To Cut Fall-Out."

The paper hadn't much more than hit the street before a caller contacted the city desk.

"If they cut fall out," the caller asked, "does that mean we're going to go from summer right into winter?"—JOE CREASON, *Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.* o

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Leonard, age 6 was taking lessons on the recorder. He liked his teacher. "She calls me lovey," he reported at home. "Why that's very nice," said his mother. "Well," said Leonard, wanting to be quite honest, "she calls everybody lovey — even one girl's father."—*Parents' Mag.* p

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A minister, returning home late one night from a sick call, noticed one of his parishioners staggering down the st.

"Let me help you to the door," said the minister, guiding the inebriated mbr of his flock gently home.

At the door the besotted man pleaded with the minister to come into the house with him. But the minister demurred on the grounds that it was too late.

"Pleash, Rev'ren," the man beseeched him. "Jusht for a minute. I want the wife to see who I been out with tonight." — *Automotive Service Digest.* q

Quote

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BOWER ALY, prof of Speech, Univ of Missouri, addressing Nat'l Speech & Theatre convention: "I think the most famous American speech was when Eli Whitney said, 'Take your cotton-picking hands off my gin!'"

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ALFRED HITCHCOCK, film director: "I'd like to be thin in '57, but I don't have the will power to be grouchy."

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BILLY GRAHAM, evangelist: "New York is probably the most needy city in America spiritually."

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

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Before we get down to business we can't resist telling you of one of the yr's more startling patents. Theoretically, it lightens Mother's work by keeping the kiddies busy. It's a doll, whose eyes are lollipops, which can be extracted and eaten. This little horror is not, thank God, on the mkt; just patented. Kids raised with this would certainly need a psychiatrist to separate them from cannibalistic tendencies.

Now we'll tell you about a couple of things that really *should* be useful. A special boot-rack will keep boots and rubbers from dripping on your floors and rugs from now right thru the spring rains. A brassplated

grid hold 3 or 4 prs of boots over an easily emptied 12" by 23" steel pan which catches the water. Why didn't someone think of this before? \$6.95 from G & Y Mfg Co, Box 202, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Sometimes you don't have the car when you need to shop — or you have to park so far from the store that portage of packages is still a problem. A plastic, pocket-book-size shopping bag unfolds to reach the ground, has wheels that let you cart up to 50 lbs. We could have used one of these when we were Christmas shopping! \$3.98 plus 20¢ postage from Bancroft's, 2170 Canalport Ave, Chicago 8, Ill.

